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FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention titled:

## MASK BLANK AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME ✓

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on 4 October 2004 as Application No. 10/510,059 ✓☐ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

0201019-7 ✓ Sweden ✓ 04 April 2002 ✓  
(Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)

☒ Yes ☐ No

PCT/SE03/00519 ✓ WO (Sweden) 01 April 2003 ✓  
(Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed)

☒ Yes ☐ No

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